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The Board's report on the food situation in Madras Province for the second fortnight of August 1948 at pp.3-6 c.f. and the enclosures to it at pp-7-23 c.f. are submitted for perusal.

Weather conditions and crop prospects:-

The rainfall during the fortnight was very heavy in the South Kanara district, heavy in the Malabar district, moderate in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, Krishna South Arcot and the Nilgiris, fair in the districts of Guntur, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Chingleput and North Arcot and light of nil in the other districts.

Preparatory cultivation was delayed in the districts of Anantapur, Chittoor, Tanjore, Madura and Tirunelveli and in parts of the districts of Vizagatapam, Cuddapah and Ramnad. Sowing has been suspended in the Ramnad District and in parts of the Nellore, South Arcot, Madura and Tirunelveli districts. Transplantation of paddy has been delayed in the Anantapur district and in the upland taluks of the Guntur district and suspended in the upland taluks of the East Godavari and North Arcot districts and in one taluk of the Madura district for want of rains and water-supply. Transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Bellary, Coimbatore, Tanjore and South Kanara and in parts of the Nellore, Chittoor and Tiruchirapalli districts. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Anantapur, Nellore, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Madura and Ramnad. Water-supply was inadequate in the districts of East Godavari, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, and Ramnad and in parts of the Vizagapatam, Bellary, Tanjore, Madura and Tirunelveli districts.

The condition of standing crops was generally fair except in the Chingleput district where it was poor, and in parts of the Vizagapatam and East Godavari districts where paddy crops were withering. Harvest of cholam was proceeding in the Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli districts, of cumbu in the Salem, Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli districts and of ragi in the districts of Anantapur, Salem and the Nilgiris. The outturn of ragi was fair to normal and of cholam and cumbu poor to normal.

Stock and supply position:

The stock position of foodgrains was as follows on 28-8-48 when compared with the stock position on 21-8-1948.

Foodgrain	On 21-8-48	On 28-8-48.
Rice	2,79,756	2,65,840
Wheat	17,381	15,636
Maida	2,797	2,736
Maize	19,237	16,226
Other grains.	6,563	5,496

Rice: The stock position in all the districts except Chittoor

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Ramnad and Tirunelveli ~~ai~~ is satisfactory. Arrangements have been made to move supplies to these districts.

For September 1948, the Government of India have allotted to this Province, 1000 tons of Overseas rice from the Central Reserve at Avadi. A quantity of 410 tons of Overseas rice has also been allotted from the Central Reserve at Avadi in replacement of the supplies made by the Madras Government to ship' stores from November 1947 to May 1948. Arrangements are being made for taking over the stocks.

The following quantities were received in the fortnight:-

From	Tons.
1) Orissa	2416
2) Eastern States	848
3) Overseas	3245
Total:	6509

Millets: Supply of millets was not adequate in some districts e.g. Madura, Chittoor, and Ramnad.

Against a quantity of 429 tons of millets offered by Orissa Government, 75 tons have so far been moved to Madras Province. 75 tons are reported to be not available. Instructions have been issued for the expeditious movement of the balance of 281 tons to the quota district - Vizagapatam.

Out of the 800 tons of bajra allotted to Madras from Nabha State 485 tons have been despatched to Coimbatore district. The balance is not likely to be available, It is reported that 6000 maunds of old bajra in good condition is available for export to Madras Province from Jaithu. This has been ordered to be purchased and moved to this Province.

12,000 tons of milo from Overseas are expected during September 1948 at Madras and Cochin.

Wheat and its products:-

There were no receipts of wheat and its products during the fortnight.

Progress of Procurement:

A ~~qiaj~~ quantity of 13,920 tons of rice was procured in the surplus districts and in the districts of Malabar and the Nilgiris during the fortnight ending 15-8-~~9~~948 as against 18.983 tons procured in the preceding fortnight. The fall in procurement occurred mainly in the districts of East Godavari, Tanjore and Malabar.

PRICES:

Statements relating to the prices of foodgrains, firewood Salt, edible oilseeds, oils, oil cakes are at pp.7-23 c.f.

The case may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Food), Hon'ble Minister (Public Works), and His Excellency for ~~approval~~ perusal ~~perusal~~. and return

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Minutes of the Hon'ble Ministers.

Private Secretary to the Governor-General-

His Excellancy has seen, thanks.

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To A.S.

The file may now be sent to Public Works (Information and Publicity) for perusal and return.

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